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CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

(RCW 34.05.325 Public participation—Concise explanatory statement)

Adoption of permanent rules to amend the crucifer seed quarantine rules

Reasons for Adopting the Rule:

In 2015 the Crucifer quarantine was amended to include Eastern Washington in the regulated area. The amendments required Crucifer seed to be planted in Eastern Washington to be tested and found free of Black leg and tagged with a department issued tag. When these amendments became effective the existing rule only had trial ground rules for Western Washington and did not take into account production practices in Eastern Washington. In response to a petition received the Crucifer quarantine was amended to put inspection procedures in place for Eastern Washington trial grounds.

Summary of the Public Comment Process:

RCW 34.05.325(1) requires the department to accept written comments on the proposed amendments to chapter 16-301 WAC if they are received no later than the time and date specified in the department's notice of proposed rulemaking (CR-102). The public comment period for the proposed amendments ran from May 4, 2016 through June 16, 2016. During that time, no written comments were received.

RCW 34.05.325(2) requires the department to provide interested parties an opportunity to present oral comments on the proposed amendments to chapter 16-301 WAC in a rule-making hearing. The department held an 11:00 a.m. public hearing on June 16, 2016 in Yakima. No members of the public were in attendance.

Summary of Oral and Written Comments:

None received.

Differences Between the Proposed and Adopted Rule:

None.